

REMARKS**I. Amendments to the Specification**

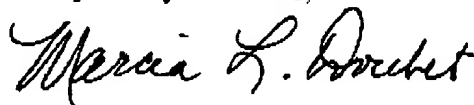
Page 2 of the Office Action dated March 16, 2004 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") requests updating of Pages 1 and 7 of the specification to identify the cited patent applications by serial number. Appropriate amendments have been made herein.

II. Restriction Requirement

Page 2 of the Office Action states that the application as filed contains two distinct groups of claims, and that a restriction must therefore be made. Applicants hereby elect the claims identified in the Office Action as "Group II", being all of Claims 7 - 16, 23 - 32, and 39 - 48 for prosecution in the present application. The claims of Group I, being all of Claims 1 - 6, 17 - 22, and 33 - 38, have been cancelled from the application without prejudice (and are being separately submitted in a divisional application filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)).

The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the restriction requirement. Applicants request examination of the remaining claims as now presented, and allowance thereof, at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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